

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF AUGUST 31ST, 1932.

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on August 31st, 1932.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.

John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

Mr. Laurence Hall Fowler, Architect for the Memorial Hall of Records building to be erected at Annapolis, appeared before the Board and presented drawings of the proposed building for the consideration of the Board. He explained the various features of the building, and plans for the building generally were discussed. Doctor Douglas H. Gordon, President of St. John's College, was present at the meeting.

The Board expressed the opinion that the plans as submitted were satisfactory. It was decided that the matter should also be taken up with the Board of St. John's College, and with the Maryland Tercentenary Commission, and that the Board of Public Works would take formal action after the officials of St. John's College and the Maryland Tercentenary Commission had an opportunity to review the plans.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a complaint registered with him by Mr. W. S. Reeves, District Manager for the Truscon Steel Company of Youngstown, Ohio, in connection with a contract that Company claimed was awarded to it by the Charles L. Stockhausen Company for work in connection with the erection of a new building at Spring Grove State Hospital, the particular work being that of making and erecting steel sash for the building, but the contract, Mr. Reeves claimed, was ordered cancelled by State officials because of it being the desire to give the work to the Campbell Metal Window Company, a Baltimore concern.

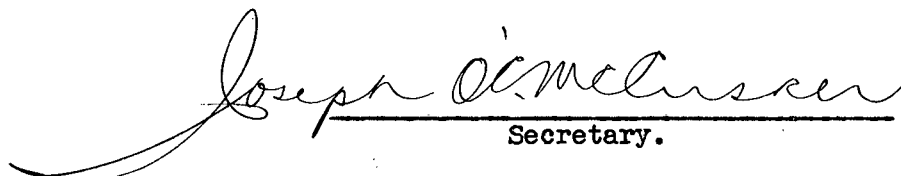
The Secretary was requested to get further information in connection with the controversy, and report it to the Governor later. The Governor stated he would be in the Baltimore office the following Friday, and would give the matter consideration at that time.

Note:

Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect for the new building at Spring Grove State Hospital, Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, State Purchasing Agent, Mr. W. S. Reeves, District Manager of the Truscon Steel Company and Mr. McCusker met in the Governor's office on Friday afternoon, and took up

the foregoing matter. It developed that the contract which Mr. Stockhausen had given the Truscon Steel Company was conditional upon the approval of the contract by the Architect. Mr. Hopkins asserted that before he was aware of the conditional contract having been given to the Truscon Steel Company, Mr. Stockhausen asked him to approve a contract with the Campbell Metal Window Company for the work, which he was willing to do. It was brought out that the tentative contract with the Truscon Steel Company calls for a price of \$5,000.00, while the contract with the Campbell Metal Window Company calls for a price of \$4,500.00. The Board saw no particular reason to interfere if the Architect was willing to approve the contract with the Campbell Metal Window Company. The question of favoring local labor for State contracts was discussed, and it was stated by the Governor it was only natural that we would want as far as possible to keep State work within the State so that our unemployment and relief work would benefit as much as possible; that other states were following the same policy, and that it was not felt the State of Maryland could be justly criticized for this policy. The Governor also stated that if the products of the Truscon Steel Company were mentioned in the specifications for any State work it would only be fair to that Company to give them a fair chance for getting the work.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.